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We Are Looking For Impaired Drivers

The Beaverton Police Department has taken 303 impaired drives off of Beaverton streets from January to October of 2014. Many of these arrests were made by officers who were working selective enforcement funded by a grant.

These grant funds allow the Beaverton Police Department to have additional officers on your streets looking for impaired drivers year round.

Drunk driving, impaired driving or buzzed driving all have the potential to claim lives and often will result in jail time. The men and women of the Beaverton Police Department ask you to please think about this before you operate a motor vehicle after drinking alcohol.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and this means family gatherings. With family gathers there is often alcohol involved. Your police department wants to you enjoy this holiday and have wonderful memories of the family time. If you are going to celebrate with alcohol, please do not get behind the wheel of a motor vehicle until it is safe for you to drive.

Here are several things you can do to avoid becoming a statistic:

Do not drink and drive.

Do not ride with anyone who has been drinking.

Do not use illegal drugs and drive.

Do not drive a motor vehicle until you know how a prescription medication affects you.

Do not mix prescription medications and alcohol.

Always use a seat belt.

Have a designated driver.

Report drunk drivers by calling 911.

Impaired driving is not an accident; it is an intentional and willing act that you have control over. Drunk driving is often a symptom of a larger problem: alcohol misuse and abuse.

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